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Subject: Local Government Caucus Comments on Vol. 1  
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Kamyar:

I have attached (MS Word, Windows) the comments on the June 7, draft that I prepared and submitted for comments from the Local Government Caucus. Please consider these comments in the development of further drafts of the Bulletin 160-08. We would be glad to discuss with you at your convenience.

Thanks,

John

P.S. Lisa, would you please forward this email to all local govt. caucus members. The computer I am working on does not have all their email addresses. Thanks!

**Volume 1  
Chapter 1, Water Plan Overview**

**Changes all in CAPS**

Page 1, Second Paragraph, change as follows:

“...the film industry, AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY AS WELL AS RECREATION are only a few of the businesses that make California a unique AND DIVERSE economy. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT IF NOT ACTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO HAVE DEVELOPED THIS VIBRANT AND DIVERSE ECONOMY WITHOUT THE NATURAL AND MAN MADE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT TOGETHER COMPOSE CALIFORNIA’S WATER SYSTEM. CALIFORNIA OWES MUCH TO ITS GEOGRAPHY, CLIMATE AND WEATHER PATTERNS. CONVERSELY IT IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE STATE WHICH PROMULGATED MANY OF THE CONDITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT SUSTAIN THE STATE TODAY.”

Page 6, first bullet, first paragraph change as follows:

“Regional planning can improve communication and collaboration within a region, which can provide benefits beyond any specific recommendation of the plan. Through a regional plan, ESPECIALLY ONE WHICH INCORPORATES WATERSHED BASED PLANNING UNITS, a region can better articulate its water management needs IN A MANNER WHICH EMPHASIZES BOTH MAN MADE AND NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE, to State and Federal agencies and elected representatives...”

Page 11, Table 1-xx objectives of first goal, change as follows:

“Regions develop regional WATERSHED BASED integrated resource plans to meet multiple water management objectives.”

Page 11, Table 1-xx objectives of second goal, change as follows:

d. “State leads an effort to develop a MAN MADE AND NATURAL INFRASTRUCTURE rehabilitation and maintenance plan for the State, Federal and local INFRASTRUCTURE ASSETS.”

Page 11, Table 1-xx objectives of second goal add new item h, as follows (all following is a new section):

“The State shall work towards planning for its water resources management in a manner which recognizes the importance of the watersheds as a component of the natural infrastructure. Much of California’s water resources originates within watersheds which are Federal land holdings. Those Federal lands are subject to the Unified Federal Policy for Watersheds (UFP) as described in the Federal Register on 2/25/00 Vol 65, No. 35. The UFP guide the actions of key Federal agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy and Interior as well as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers. This policy emphasizes the following:

- Assessing the functions and condition of watersheds
- Incorporating watershed goals in Federal agency planning and programs
- Enhancing pollution prevention
- Improving monitoring
- Restoring watersheds
- Identifying waters of exceptional value
- Expanding collaboration among Federal agencies, States, Tribes and interested stakeholders.”

Page 13, Strategy Investment Options Table footnote (mm) footnote #3 change as follows:

“The Calfed SOLUTION area represents a portion of the State.”

## Chapter 2 California Water Today

Page 17, Box 2-xx Watershed Management add as follows (ALL THAT FOLLOWS WOULD BE NEW):

“ADDITIONALLY FEDERAL AGENCIES ARE SUBJECT TO THE Unified Federal Policy for Watersheds (UFP). The UFP guide the actions of key Federal agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy and Interior as well as the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers. This policy emphasizes the following:

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Expanding collaboration among Federal agencies, States, Tribes and interested stakeholders.”

## Chapter 5 Implementation Plan

Page 4, Recommended Action #2, paragraph 2 change as follows:

...and empower regions to implement their plans. THE REALITY OF WATER RESOURCES PLANNING IN THE COMING YEARS WILL MOVE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND WATER AGENCIES TOGETHER IN A COOPERATIVE MANNER DUE TO A NUMBER OF FACTORS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH IS EFFICIENCY IN THE USE OF BUDGET FUNDS....”

Page 5, Recommended Action #2, performance measures add new item as follows:

“MEASURABLE PROGRESS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT, ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WATERSHED BASED, INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS, BY LOCAL AND REGIONAL AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTS IN A MANNER SO AS TO MOST EFFICIENTLY UTILIZE PUBLIC FUNDS AND STATE ASSISTANCE.”

Recommended Action #7, page 13, change first paragraph as follows:

“The State AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENTS needs to PARTICIPATE IN THE INVENTORY, evaluatION and PROPOSE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES TO DEAL with the CAUSE AND effects of contaminants on surface water and ground water quality.”

Recommended Action #12, page 21 change as follows (first paragraph)

“DWR and other State agencies should encourage and assist representatives from disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations, which have experienced SIGNIFICANT, disproportionate adverse health and environmental impacts...”

END

*From Local Govt. Caucus  
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